GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1094
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2001
PENSION SCHEME FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOUR
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started an insurance and pension scheme for agricultural labourers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of workers estimated to be covered under the scheme;

(d) the number of phases in which the said scheme is likely to be implemented;

(e) the names of the districts where the said scheme is likely to be implemented in the first phase and the criteria adopted for the selection of these districts; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be implemented all over the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (f): A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO1094 FOR 30.7.2001 REGARDING PENSION SCHEME FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOUR RAISED BY SHRI SUNDER LAL TIWARI AND SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI

(a) to (f): The Government has launched the `Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana-2001` for agricultural workers from Ist July, 2001. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) will implement the Scheme under the aegis of the Ministry of Labour. The following provisions of social security have been made under the Scheme;

(a) Life-cum-accident insurance,
(b) Money back, and
(c) Pension and Superannuation benefits.

Agricultural workers in the age group of 18 years to 50 years are eligible to be covered under the Scheme. The worker will contribute Rs. 1/- per day or Rs. 365/- per year and the Government of India will pay Rs. 2/- per day or Rs. 730/- per year per beneficiary from the Social Security Fund under the Scheme. The benefits include lump sum payments on death/death due to accident and also in case of permanent/partial disability. The workers will also get the benefit of pension p,er month on surviving upto the age of 60 years along with a lump sum payment to the family on deth, the amonunts depending on the age of entry to this Scheme.

Initially, the Scheme will be implemented in 50 Districts of the country. At least one District will be taken from each State. Keeping in view the performance of the Scheme during the first phase and the availability of funds, the Scheme will be extended to more Districts thereafter. The process of identification of Districts has been initiated.